

**Urram Board Meeting Notes 2.4.26**

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1	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b>  Present: James Hilder, Gill Calver, Elizabeth Carmichael(8pm), Jenni Hodgson, Sally Semple, Peter Winnington-Ingram, Louise White, Tracy Cameron, Denise Anderson, Danielle Owen, Melissa Bowe, Ali Upton (arrived late)  <b>Apologies:</b>, James Campbell, Sandra Lawton, Sarah Kemp, Janice Mackinnon</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of the last Meeting</b> : proposed Gill and seconded Jenni</p> <p><b>Matters arising:</b></p>	
3	<p><b>Finance:</b> Bank figure is £39,426.62. Still £100000 in savings account- interest is £1491 – most of this is restricted expenditure.</p> <p><b>Budget and Actuals- financial review.</b>  It was noted that the interested gaining on the savings account is v helpful. We have done a good job of allocating expenditure to projects and having a small amount of reserves is useful. It would be helpful to tag some of the other unrestricted expenditure to projects to aid with understanding. E.g. development/new projects/general admin.  It was agreed to have full project and unrestricted budget and spend breakdowns every quarter. LW and DO will work on a template that is then easy to fill in on a quarterly basis.  It was noted that many of the projects run over varying time periods- that doesn't always tally with our own financial year. This makes it complicated and tricky in managing projects- and knitting them together as different funding streams come to an end.  Transport was separated out- as it has the possibility of becoming overspent. Louise raised the fact that it currently does not have any additional funding, but is hopeful the network support grant will come to fruition in the few months and this will be massively beneficial.  The finance review highlights there is no additional money to cover any costs associated with Dail Mhor, if we were to take on the building and this requires additional funding from elsewhere.</p>	LW/DO
4	<p><b>Services update</b>  Melissa introduced herself and met the remaining trustees. She has a had a great start and been out and about meeting people.</p> <p>Ali noted the positives from Kilchoan- a growing sense of the community knowing of Urram and the range of activities is being recognised, and valued. We have been more visible and making mores sense to the Community, especially with the recent car delivery. Whilst the take up of SDS support is not as we might have hoped, but there is value in keeping promoting it – possibly through the produce markets, is good for raising the profile and opens more doors for one to one visits.  Gill noted that most people talk to her about transport, but this month it has been about childcare- which has been interesting and resulted in other conversations.</p>	

	<p>Elizabeth noted that the SiRD support in Ardgour has been appreciated, and is raising the profile.</p> <p><b>Childcare</b>  Extending the pilot scheme for a further 5 weeks. The bigger project of Strontian Nursery is still in the back ground and we are awaiting meetings with Highland Council.</p> <p><b>Transport</b>  Gill noted how pleased she is that Janice feels able to take on more responsibility with Transport. James and Louise have met Janice to go through the handover from Tracy and iron out any admin needs.  Wheelchair accessible vehicle could be with us in the next few weeks- and comes with it the requirement for moving and handling training for our volunteers. Janice is planning a Volunteers Training Day and get together.</p>	
5	<p><b>Projects</b></p> <p><b>Local care model</b>  The business case is awaiting funding from the NHH Transformation Fund- which might be another 4-6 weeks.  NDti are going to start working with NHH around organisational change- and enabling more flexibility within NHH to support local care model ideas.  James has offered to facilitate the next round of local care model meetings and dates should be towards the end of April.  There is funding resource available to ensure that services are still delivered on this side of the water, even though overnight respite services will not immediately be available.  Part of our May strategy day should be to consider how we want to facilitate or position ourselves over the next time period- being clear about our own position. E.g do we want to register for service delivery or have a more facilitative role.</p> <p><b>SIRD</b>  It was noted that the SiRD work is strategically important and critical for the future, and the Board formally thanked Tracy for all her work on transport, but fully support the focus on SiRD work which needs a proactive approach.  Inspiring Scotland (SiRD funders) will let us know as soon as they know if the SiRD funding will be continued for a further round. Louise and Tracy are meeting with Ashley from Inspiring Scotland on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. Ali noted that we are testing models of care that have national ramifications and we should ensure SiRD are fully aware of our Local Care Model ambitions, and therefore we should be in a strong position to have SiRD funding continued.  We <u>are</u> being listened to- by GP's and others which is helping when we make referrals to social work.</p> <p><b>Charity Shop</b>  The Community Enterprise team member who has been working on our business plan has had family issues recently, which has lead to a delay in our feasibility study for the time being. We should have something mid April.  The Re-use fund from Highland Council will be available soon and might be an opportunity for funding. Ardgour Glensanda Development Trust also might be a funding avenue or partner to ensure the success of shop and community pantry development in Ardgour.</p>	

6	<p><b>Dail Mhor House- No updates</b></p> <p>James spoke with Fiona Malcolm from Highland Council and has a contact for the comms team with NHS. He will write to the community councils before the announcements are made in the press. Fiona agreed to write to estates to gain confirmation on the status of the building.</p> <p>Part of the discussions with NHS and HC need to be regarding assets within the building. The Board were unanimous in their position – that if there is real commitment to a hub then Dail Mhor should not be completely stripped of all its assets.</p>	James
7	<p><b>Staffing</b></p> <p>The staff left the meeting and the board had further discussion regarding the current team, workloads and future planning.</p>	
8	<p><b>Board Governance.</b></p> <p>Outstanding items of Risk register, and Board skills audit. All were reminded of the 19<sup>th</sup> of May for the face to face board meeting at Salen Hall.</p>	
9	<p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <p>All were invited to Sally and Paul’s wedding dance in Drimnin Village hall 3-7om on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. Drinks are provided- bring cake to share.</p> <p>Tracy raised a concern about the mail going to Dail Mhor- especially as there had been recorded delivery this week. It was agreed to put a 3 month redirect in place. Danielle will organise and Tracy will check with Acharacle CC that they would be happy to receive the mail.</p>	ALL  Danielle/Tracy
10	<p><b>Date of next Board meeting</b></p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am  25<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm  20<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am  7<sup>th</sup> September ???AGM???  1<sup>st</sup> October 7.30pm  12<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am</p>	